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Results of the Labour Force Survey (LFS), Q1 2023

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The Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) has released the Labour Force Survey Results for Q1 2023.

Unemployment rate in Kosovo 11.5%

About two thirds of the population in Kosovo (1 160 664) are working age population (45 387 less than in the same period of the previous year).
Active persons were 7 413 less than in the same period of the previous year.
Inactive persons were 37 974 less than in the same period of the previous year.
Employed persons were 17 090 more than in the same period of the previous year.
Unemployed persons were 24 503 less than in the same period of the previous year.

Table 1. Key labour market indicators Q1 2023 / Q1 2022

Main labor market indicators (IN THOUSANDS)	Q 2023			Q 2022		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Labor force (active persons) (age 15-64)	325 636	132 702	458 338	331 902	133 849	465 751
Inactive persons (age 15-64)	251 864	450 462	702 326	269 638	470 662	740 300
Employed:(age 15-64)	297 637	107 984	405 621	280 039	108 492	388 531
Unemployed (age 15-64)	27 999	24 718	52 717	51 863	25 357	77 220
Youth unemployment (age 15-24)	6 151	3 601	9 752	13 206	7 171	20 377
Young people who are not employed and not in education or training (NEET)	47 390	43 456	90 846	48 823	49 448	98 271
Unstable employment (age 15-64)	53 029	8 992	62 021	39 278	5 906	45 184
Main labor market indicators (%)						
Participation rate in the labor force (age 15-64)	56.4	22.8	39.5	55.2	22.1	38.6
Inactivity rate (age 15-64)	43.6	77.2	60.5	44.8	77.9	61.4
Employment to population ratio, (employement rate) (age 15-64)	51.5	18.5	34.9	46.6	17.9	32.2
Employement rate (age15-64)	8.6	18.6	11.5	15.6	18.9	16.6
Youth unemployment rate (age 15-24)	15.9	20.1	17.2	30.0	34.6	31.4
Participation of NEET youth in the youth population (age 15-24)	32.8	32.4	32.6	31.5	32.9	32.2
Share of non-sustainable employment in total employment (age 15-64)	17.8	8.3	15.3	14.0	5.4	11.6

The percentage of employed males was 4.9% higher than in the same period of the previous year. Whereas the percentage of employed females was 0.6% higher than in the same period of the previous year.

The employment rate was 2.7% higher than in the same period of the previous year.

The unemployment rate was lower (-5.1%) than in the same period of the previous year.
And among young people (15-24 years old), the unemployment rate was lower (-14.2%) than in the same period of the previous year.

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The rate of inactivity continues to remain quite high

The rate of inactivity continues to remain quite high (60.5%), lower (-0.9%), compared to the same period of the previous year.
The rate of inactivity among females was very pronounced at 77.2%, compared to mails at 43.2%.

Trade, construction and education lead with employment

The economic sectors leading with employment continue to be: trade with 20.1%, construction with 10.7%, education with 10.3%, manufacturing with 9.2%, public administration and defense with 8.5%, etc.
Females were employed mainly in the education, trade and health care sectors, at 53.8%. Whereas, males were mainly employed in the sectors of trade, construction, manufacturing, public administration and defense, accommodation and service activities, at 61.2%.

Table 2. Employees by gender and economic activities in Q1 2023, age 15+

Employment by activity (%)	Male	Female	Total
A - Agriculture, forestry and fishing	2.7	1.4	2.4
B - Mining and ores	1.3	0.2	1.0
C - Manufacture	10.0	6.9	9.2
D - Supply of electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning	2.1	1.1	1.9
E - Water supply, sewerage, waste management	1.3	0.2	1.0
F - Construction	14.3	1.0	10.7
G - Wholesale and retail trade, car and motorcycle repairs	20.1	19.9	20.1
I - Accommodation and food service activitiesi	7.7	6.9	7.5
H - Transport and storage	6.5	1.9	5.3
J - Information and communication	2.1	2.5	2.2
K - Financial and insurance activities	2.9	2.3	2.7
L - Properties activities	0.1	0.2	0.1
M - Professional, scientific and technical activities	2.7	4.1	3.0
N - Administrative and support service activities	3.6	5.0	4.0
O - Public administration and defense, compulsory social security	9.2	6.7	8.5
P - Education	6.3	21.3	10.3
Q - Activities of human health and social work	2.6	12.5	5.2
R - Arts, entertainment and recreation	1.2	0.9	1.2
S - Other service activities	2.4	3.2	2.6
T - Household employment activitys; aproduction activities of goods and undifferentiated household services for personal use" dhe shërbimeve të padiferencuara të ekonomive familjare për përdorim vetanak	0.2	0.5	0.3
U - Activities of the institutions and extra-territorial organizations	0.8	1.2	0.9
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**	**100.0**

This publication provides statistical data on labour market indicators based on the Labour Force Survey. For the realization of the LFS in Q1 2023, the methodology and standards applied by KAS are harmonized with Eurostat's recommendations.

For more information about the Results of the Labour Force Survey for Q1 2023, visit: https://ask.rks-gov.net/sq/agjencia-e-statistikave-te-kosoves/sociale/tregu-i-punes